IN THE CLAIMS:

1-70. (CANCELED)

71. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A roller apparatus kit releasibly mountable over an ice skate blade attached to a boot by a blade mount and comprising:

a skate guard having a bottom surface and an open ended channel for receiving a skate ice blade and extending a length and also defining a plurality of apertures extending transversely to said length in a longitudinally spaced manner along said length, at least some of said apertures being in the form of slots that are open to said bottom surface of said skate guard and at least one aperture being closed to said bottom of said skate guard;

pairs of wheel assemblies adapted to be mounted to said skate guard, at least one of said wheel assemblies having an axle mounted ~~mountable~~ through said at least one closed-bottom aperture in said skate guard; and

a heel strap at least partially formed of elastic material and adapted to maintain said skate guard on the blade including a pin receivable in any one of said slots.